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1. The Eisen & Hüttenwerke A.G., Thale/Harz, were converted into a Soviet State Co. at the beginning of August 1946. The Russian Liaison Officer attached to the works is Lt. Mostovoy and the general manager is a Russian civilian engineer called Chmolyakov.
2. The following are the leading German personalities:

Name	Position	Politics
Kogl	Director	SED (KPD) member. Was never a member of the Nazi Party but is now definitely a Communist. Formerly Nazi Party, now probably SED. Described as pro-Russian.
Kisan	Head of Moulding and Enamelling Dept.	Formerly Nazi Party, now probably SED.
Wintrich	Head of Metal Ceramics Dept.	Has never belonged to a Political Party.
Kleff	Engineer in the Steel and Rolling Mills	Former member of Nazi Party. Present political adherence unknown.
Tiebe	Engineer in the Dept. for Containers & Apparatus Construction	
Talsch	Engineer in the Models, Joinery, and Fitters' Dept.	
Albert Freyberg	Designing Office	Was a member of the "Jungdeutsche Orden" until 1933. Non-passively anti-Russian.
Reich	Personnel Manager	SED. Described as being pro-Russian.
Szmoczyk	In Scrap and Coal Dept.	Actively pro-Russian. At one time usurped the leadership of the Works Council but was not elected at later elections.
Köhler	Chairman of the Works Council	SED (KPD). Moderate and not unpopular.

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3. The Eisen & Hüttenwerke are at present employing 4,700 workers. There are 1,200 ex-PW's from the USSR now in barracks at Blankenburg/Harz who are possibly also to be engaged.
4. It is rumored that the Russians will shortly ask for the return of all former employees of the Works who are in Western Allied P.W. Camps.
5. The production program of the concern includes:
 - a) Kitchen and other civilian utility goods. Of the output, 80% is earmarked for delivery to the USSR. The target has been set so high, however, that even 80% is unlikely to be attained.
 - b) Army water bottles and mugs. An average of five wagon-loads of (a) and (1) are despatched daily.
 - c) Steel helmets. Large numbers were in stock at the end of the war. A start was made on converting them into pots but this has been stopped by the Russians, who are taking delivery of helmets. Inside fittings for these are being made by a different firm.
 - d) Sappers' spades. A new product.
 - e) Sea-mine covers. Large stocks remain in the foundry. The Russians have forbidden that they be melted down. The same applies to torpedo heads.
 - f) Pressings for rockets. An order has been received for casing-parts for V-2's. Freyberg (mentioned in Para. 2 above) is said to have stalled this order by declaring that the relevant plans had been destroyed and that measurements were unknown.

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